

gospel sledge kept pounding until the enemies to God's cause were put to flight, and the Holy Spirit came with convicting power, and sinners accepted the offered terms of mercy. Dear ones for whom we have prayed accepted salvation and with sword in hand have gone forth to fight the battles for the Lord. The meetings continued with increased interest until November 11, closing with a packed house. A number of extra seats were provided, but all could not be accommodated. The best of order prevailed, and many of the Lord's children from other churches assisted in the work by prayer and song. Eleven were added to the church, two by relation, and others are awaiting baptism.

Praise the Lord for such a glorious revival. "If God be for us who can be against us." He is our Father, we are His children. Brethren, keep on praying for our work at Dayton. Hold us up in prayer. To have a great spiritual revival we should fast, and pray more that we may get more into the center of the will of God.

At the close of the meeting our sister organized an S. S. C. E. of about twenty members, and a Sunday-school will be organized in the near future.

We also secured the services of Sister Grossnickle to preach for us each second Sunday in the month, and Brother Shaver each fourth Sunday, and we feel thankful to God that he has placed at our disposal two such faithful armor bearers of the cross. With their united efforts, and the earnest prayers of all God's people, we shall grow in grace and labor earnestly for the upbuilding of the cause at Dayton.

*We are in full fellowship and union with Brethren church and shall ever defend the gospel alone principle.* With such a mighty host of gospel bearers as Sister Crossnickle, Brethren E. B. Shaver, D. C. Moomaw, J. S. Bowman, I. D. Bowman and others who have occupied the pulpit of Mt. Zion church we have proved beyond all question that we are a full fledged Progressive Brethren church at Dayton, Va. Pray for us that we may hold up the banner of the Lord, and be worthy heirs for the kingdom.

J. M. BOWMAN, Sec'y.

#### Homerville, O.

As I was called home to attend the funeral of my niece, I thought I would write for the EVANGELIST.

I have been living in Michigan for nearly a year, I liked the country very much out there but there is no Brethren church near where I was and it does not seem like home to me. I attended prayer meeting on last Thursday evening, there were but five of us in attendance but we had a good meeting, God said where but two or three meet in his name there he will be also, and I truly believe God met with us, I expect to remain here some time but cannot tell just how long, if my companion likes this section of country we will make this our future home but if

not we will return to our home in Michigan.

We have a very nice country there and quite a number of Christian people in that place, we have the Congregational church and the Reformed and the Methodist church, all of which are very well attended by God's people and also many that are away from God. When we see so many away from God how much more we feel the need of strength to help us in the good and glorious cause.

Oh how much we ought to pray and how much power there is in prayer, we sometimes hear people say they are serving God in their weak way, but that is not the way God wants us to serve him, but with all our might and all our strength and soul.

We sometimes ask people if they love their God, they say yes and if they were doing all they could for God they say yes, but if we ask them to get up and talk in meeting they say I can't and ask them to pray they say I can't.

Sometimes when we get away from home we forget our God and lay the matter to one side until we get home again. Is that the way God wants us to serve him? Oh! brother I fear not but let us take God with us and serve him and him alone. Let the world say what they will, let us be up and doing, let us work for God for there is a great work for us all to do.

Take God with you every where you go so that the world may see we are serving God. I ask God's people to pray for me, for I need your prayers.

May God bless us all. Amen.

J. A. McDONALD.

#### Millersburg, Iowa

Since I last reported from this church, I have baptized seven and there is still one applicant for baptism. This includes four that came out at the new point west of Millersburg as the result of the meeting I referred to in my last. I have baptized six in this field this fall, and the prospects are good. I preach regular twice a month in turn with the United Brethren preacher, and five out of the six that I baptized were his brethren, and were his leading members.

But nevertheless we get along well together, and have a good Sunday-school, and all work in harmony together. I have done every thing I could to keep a Christian spirit between the two, and I have been bold in setting forth the doctrine of the brethren too.

I expect in the near future to commence meetings at Udell, Iowa, and humbly ask the prayers of the brethren that we may have a successful meeting.

Your fraternally,

JOHN A. MYERS.

The spirit of Christ sweetly calms the soul of a suffering believer, not by taking away all sense and pain, but by overcoming it with a sense of His love.

#### Ashland College

What is the matter with Ohio? Indiana seems to be coming to the rescue nicely. We also hear a faint whisper from the east. But what is Ohio doing for the college? It is possible that in this matter, too, "The first shall be last?" Ohio is certainly first in her obligations to the college. Will she be last in the discharge thereof? Brethren, arise from your slumber, press on to the rescue and save yourselves from disgrace. Are you waiting for the solicitor to come around? At present it looks as though he is not coming very fast. Raise the money yourselves and send it to Brother Keim.

Pastors, you take hold of the matter. Don't be afraid that your people can not raise your salary if they pay their apportionment. For that matter, turn in a part of your salary. Now, don't say, "Practice what you preach," for I have done that already and the Buckeye city church has sent in her apportionment long ago. We stand clear of reproach.

We are all poor people but we believe in doing our duty if we do have to sacrifice. Say, brethren, do you know that sacrifice will make your religion more precious to you? Yes, sir, it will. Just try the experiment with Ashland College and see if it don't. Now, brethren, I appeal to you. I am one that is at your mercy. I want to complete my education, and if God gives me life and opportunity I will.

If we have no school I must go elsewhere. I commenced my college education at Ashland University and there I wish to continue it. She is my Alma Mater and will always be cherished in my memory. Others, also, are knocking at the door of our college, but they find it locked. You, dear brethren, have in your pockets, the key that will unlock. O, will you not open unto us?

It seems to me that you are as hard hearted as some of the sinners around here that I have been preaching to for the last year and a half. We have appealed to you oftentimes but seemingly in vain. Hoping to encourage you to greater efforts, we have put our own shoulders to the wheel by reaching into our pockets for necessary books or school expenses, and thereby retarding our educational progress.

This sacrifice we do not begrudge, but only pray that you may not allow it to be in vain.

Come now, the college is sinking deeper every day, in the mire of debt. Don't stand idly looking on, but help get her out. Take hold of a wheel, push, pull, and *all* together.

Yours in the interest of a righteous cause.

H. M. OBERHOLTZER.

The main feature of the best prayer meeting is the presence and the power of the blessed Spirit. Then every voice in prayer, in sacred song, in exhortation or address, becomes but a vehicle for that Spirit to speak through.—T. L. Cuyler, D. D.